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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 020087-003500US

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

John O. Lamping et al.

Application No.: 10/017,504

Filed: December 14, 2001

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
GUIDED CLUSTER BASED  
PROCESSING ON PROTOTYPES

Customer No.: 20350

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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